JANUARY 24, 1806.

Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A Bill,

To extend the time for taking the oath, and giving bond in cases of drawback; and for other purposes.



- 1 Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the
- 3 time prescribed for taking the oath and giving the bond in cases of
- 4 goods, wares and merchandise, intended to be exported for the
- 5 benefit of drawback, as is directed by the "Act to regulate the col-
- 6 lection of duties on imports and tonnage," be, and the same hereby
- 7 is extended to the term of twenty days; any thing in the said act
- 8 to the contrary notwithstanding.
- 1 Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the secretary of the trea-
- 2 sury be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to extend the
- 3 benefit of drawback, in cases which have happened since the pas-
- 4 sage of the act of the second day of March, in the year one thou-
- 5 sand seven hundred and ninety-nine, intituled "An act to regulate
- 6 the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," where the per-
- 7 sons claiming such benefit have omitted to take the oath and give

- 8 bond within the ten days prescribed by law: Provided, the secre-
- 9 tary of the treasury shall be satisfied that such omission was caused
- 10 by unavoidable accident, and that no fraud was intended thereby
- 11 to be committed against the revenue laws of the United States:
- 12 And provided also, That satisfactory proof shall be exhibited to
- 13 him that the goods, wares and merchandise, on which the draw-
- 14 back is claimed, have been landed without the limits of the United
- 15 States.
 - 1 Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That before relief shall be
 - 2 granted by the secretary of the treasury as aforesaid, the person or
 - 3 persons applying for the same shall take the oath and give bond, in
 - 4 like manner as is now required by law.
 - 1 Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act con-
 - 2 tained, shall be construed to extend the allowance of drawback
 - 3 upon any goods, wares and merchandise which have been hereto-
 - 4 fore exported to New Orleans, and upon which the drawback may
- 5 remain at this time unpaid.